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Application No.: 09/542,676
Attorney Docket No.: 96-059-1REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment:

- Claims 16, 19, 23, and 25-44 were pending in the present application
- Claims 23 and 25-27 stand rejected
- Claims 16, 19, and 28-44 are allowed

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims 16, 19, and 28-44 will be pending
- Claims 23 and 25-27 will be canceled
- Claims 16 and 19 will be the only independent claims

A. Claims 23 and 25-27 have been canceled

Claims 23 and 25-27 have been canceled without prejudice. We submit that Claims 23 and 25-27 contain allowable subject matter, and that Claims 23 and 25-27 have been canceled solely in order to expedite issuance of the present application with the allowed claims. We intend to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuing application.

B. Section 102(e) Rejection

Claims 23 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,154,879 issued to Pare et al. ("Pare"). We respectfully traverse the Examiner's Section 102(e) rejection.

However, Claims 23 and 25-27 have been canceled. Accordingly, the Section 102(e) rejection is moot.

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We are grateful for the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 16, 19 and 28-44 are allowable over the art of record. The Examiner's allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

D. Fees

No fees are believed to be due. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the same account as follows:

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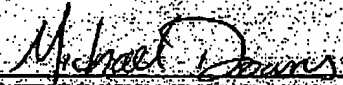
A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for such purposes.

E. Conclusion

It is submitted that all the pending claims (Claims 16, 19, and 28-44) are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at mtdowns@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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